

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, claims 40, 49 and 58 have been canceled and claims 1, 15, 27, 41-48, 50-57, and 59-66 have been amended. Claims 1, 15, 27, 41-48, 50-57, and 59-66 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In paragraphs (4)-(5) of the Office Action, claims 1, 15, 27, 42-48, 51-57, and 60-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Klug et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,996,007 (Klug).

However, in paragraph (3) of the Office Action, claims 40, 41, 49, 50, 58, and 59 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants' attorney has amended claims 1, 15 and 27 to incorporate allowed claims 40, 49 and 58, respectively. Thus, Applicants' attorney submits that independent claims 1, 15, and 27 are now allowable. Further, dependent claims 41-48, 50-57 and 59-66 are submitted to be allowable.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

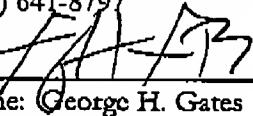
Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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